

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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METHOD FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR AN ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

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Determining whether a patient is eligible to receive benefits under
a healthcare assistance program. Initial patient information, such as the
patient's date of birth, the members of the patient's household, the patient's
medical condition, including pregnancy, and the patient's income and financial
resources, if available, is used to make an initial determination as to whether
the patient is likely to qualify for benefits. The initial patient information is
compared to a set of well-established criteria and probability models. The
well-established criteria are based on judicial or agency eligibility
determinations. The probability models are based on past experience in
obtaining benefits for patients. If the initial patient information satisfies one of
the well-established criteria or the probability models, then additional patient
information is obtained. The additional patient information typically includes
additional details about the patient's income and financial resources, as well as
the income and financial resources of the other members of the patient's
household. The patient information is compared to the eligibility requirements
for the assistance program. If the comparison indicates that it is likely that the
patient will qualify for benefits under the assistance program, then an
application for the assistance program is provided and the application is
25 completed and submitted.

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